

TypeScript Quick Reference

Types, interfaces, generics, utility types

Basic Types

Primitives

```
let name: string = "Alice";
let age: number = 25;
let active: boolean = true;
let data: null = null;
let x: undefined = undefined;
```

Special Types

any	Opt out of type checking
unknown	Type-safe any (must narrow before use)
void	No return value
never	Function never returns (throws / infinite)
object	Any non-primitive

Arrays & Tuples

Arrays

```
let nums: number[] = [1, 2, 3];
let names: Array<string> = ["a", "b"];
let matrix: number[][] = [[1, 2], [3, 4]];
```

Tuples

```
let pair: [string, number] = ["age", 25];
let rgb: [number, number, number] = [255, 0, 0];
```

```
// Named tuples (labels for readability)
type Point = [x: number, y: number];
```

Interfaces

Defining & Using

```
interface User {
  name: string;
  age: number;
  email?: string; // optional
  readonly id: number; // immutable
}
```

```
const user: User = { name: "Alice", age: 25, id: 1 };
```

Extending Interfaces

```
interface Employee extends User {
  role: string;
  department: string;
}
```

Index Signatures

```
interface StringMap {
  [key: string]: string;
}
const env: StringMap = { NODE_ENV: "prod" };
```

Type Aliases

```
type ID = string | number;
type Point = { x: number; y: number };
type Callback = (data: string) => void;
```

Interface vs Type

interface	Extendable with extends , declaration merging
type	Unions, intersections, mapped types, tuples

Unions & Intersections

Union Types

```
type Status = "loading" | "success" | "error";
type ID = string | number;

function print(val: string | number) {
  if (typeof val === "string") {
    console.log(val.toUpperCase());
  }
}
```

Intersection Types

```
type Named = { name: string };
type Aged = { age: number };
type Person = Named & Aged;
// Person has both name and age
```

Discriminated Unions

```
type Shape =
  | { kind: "circle"; radius: number }
  | { kind: "rect"; w: number; h: number };

function area(s: Shape): number {
  switch (s.kind) {
    case "circle": return Math.PI * s.radius ** 2;
    case "rect": return s.w * s.h;
  }
}
```

Functions

Typed Parameters & Return

```
function add(a: number, b: number): number {
  return a + b;
}

// Arrow function
const greet = (name: string): string =>
  `Hello, ${name}!`;

// Optional & default params
function log(msg: string, level?: string): void {}
function log(msg: string, level = "info"): void {}
```

Function Overloads

```
function parse(input: string): number;
function parse(input: number): string;
function parse(input: string | number) {
  return typeof input === "string"
    ? parseInt(input)
    : input.toString();
}
```

Rest Parameters

```
function sum(...nums: number[]): number {
  return nums.reduce((a, b) => a + b, 0);
}
```

Generics

Generic Functions

```
function identity<T>(value: T): T {
  return value;
}
identity<string>("hello"); // explicit
identity(42); // inferred: number
```

Generic Interfaces & Constraints

```
interface Box<T> {
  value: T;
}
const box: Box<number> = { value: 42 };

// Constraints
function getLen<T extends { length: number }>(
  item: T
): number {
  return item.length;
}
```

Enums

```
enum Direction { Up, Down, Left, Right }
let d: Direction = Direction.Up; // 0

enum Status {
  Active = "ACTIVE",
  Inactive = "INACTIVE",
}
let s: Status = Status.Active; // "ACTIVE"

// const enum (inlined at compile time)
const enum Color { Red, Green, Blue }
```

Type Guards

Built-in Guards

```
// typeof
if (typeof x === "string") { /* x: string */ }

// instanceof
if (err instanceof Error) { /* err: Error */ }

// in
if ("name" in obj) { /* obj has name */ }
```

Custom Type Guard

```
function isString(val: unknown): val is string {
  return typeof val === "string";
}

if (isString(input)) {
  input.toUpperCase(); // narrowed to string
}
```

Assertion Functions

```
function assertDefined<T>(
  val: T | null
): asserts val is T {
  if (val === null) throw new Error("null");
}
```

Utility Types

Partial<T>	All properties optional
Required<T>	All properties required
ReadOnly<T>	All properties readonly
Pick<T, K>	Select properties K from T
Omit<T, K>	Remove properties K from T
Record<K, V>	Object with keys K and values V
Exclude<T, U>	Types in T not in U
Extract<T, U>	Types in T also in U
NonNullable<T>	Exclude null and undefined from T
ReturnType<T>	Return type of function T
Parameters<T>	Parameter types of function T
Awaited<T>	Unwrap Promise type

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Utility Type Examples

```
interface User { name: string; age: number; email: string }  
  
type UserPreview = Pick<User, "name" | "email">;  
type UserUpdate = Partial<User>;  
type UserMap = Record<string, User>;  
type CreateUser = Omit<User, "id">;
```